

## ***Harbison Playgroup Press Release***

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November we had the privilege of hosting the very first session of Our 'Harbison Playgroup'.

The Harbison Playgroup is the latest development in Our Intergenerational Care Program and will operate weekly at Burradoo every Thursday from 9.30am – 11.30am. We have many wonderful activities for our residents to participate in with a group of local children (aged between 0-5 years), including, art, singing and storytime. The playgroup provides opportunity for Harbison create meaningful connections and foster rewarding relationships between the children and residents. Creating memories, reminiscing, forming new friendships and connections, sharing knowledge, and above all else, bringing joy to each other's lives.



As the playgroup becomes more established, we hope to eventually spend time in other areas of the home, increase our availability of sessions, and start up a group in Moss Vale early next year in 2023.

Harbison would like to say a HUGE thank you to Vanessa Tasker who has been instrumental in getting this project off the ground. She has worked tirelessly in the background to set up a suitable play space, develop programs and create relationships with Playgroup Australia and other key stakeholders in the community to make it a successful opening.

We would like to thank a number of Harbison staff who also made this project possible including Justin Bourke and the wonderful Maintenance team who have worked very hard over the last few weeks to get the room and equipment ready for our mini visitors; Lorensé Gil Aguinaldo and the catering team who prepared refreshments for the group; Zac Hulm, Darleen Parker, Madeline Castles, and Janice Young who made sure the opening was a success, and to the care team who helped get the residents ready for a morning of intergenerational activity and making memories. We would also like to thank David Cochran, our CEO for supporting and encouraging this new project and for being so passionate about pursuing intergenerational and innovative opportunities for our residents.



would like to see more of.

Finally thank you to everyone who participated in our first playgroup, we, look forward to many more rewarding and positive experiences with you all. While we are in the initial stages of developing our Intergeneration Playgroup program, we ask that you be patient as we navigate our way but would love for you to also contribute your thoughts and ideas on how to improve our program and what we can offer moving forward. There will also be space on our program for you to write down any ideas or activities your child is interested in or

If you're interested in attending the playgroup with your young ones you can register your interest with Vanessa via email [Vanessa.Tasker@harbisoncare.org.au](mailto:Vanessa.Tasker@harbisoncare.org.au)